

Will County Bikeway Plan

Draft Vision

Bicycling is an integral part of the County's balanced multimodal transportation network, with seamless bikeways and trails that increase mobility to enable people of various ages and abilities to bicycle for any purpose in a safe and enjoyable environment.

Draft Goals

Expand Transportation Choice – Make investments to enhance bicycling opportunities equitably across Will County so people may choose to bike for most trip purposes, remembering that some users rely on bicycling due to economic limitations, age, or other necessity.

Enhance Connectivity – Link communities in Will County and surrounding counties together with trails and on-street bikeways that overcome gaps and barriers posed by rivers, railroads, expressways, and disconnected development patterns to better connect people to transit opportunities and to where they live, work, and play.

Improve Safety – Enhance infrastructure and provide education and enforcement strategies to improve safety for bicyclists and other road users and foster the development of mutual respect between road users.

Enhance Bicyclist Comfort – Provide low-stress trails and on-street accommodations that reduce conflicts between bicycle and motor vehicle traffic and consider the needs and preferences of all users, from novice to experienced bicyclists.

Promote Bicycling Benefits – Promote the benefits of bicycling to public health, the environment, community vitality,* and economic prosperity.

Implement Together – Coordinate and cooperate with all partners and agencies to implement the Plan and achieve a seamless bikeway network throughout Will County by proactively acquiring and preserving future trail and bikeway corridors, identifying new funding streams and partnerships, and leveraging existing funding sources.

*The term "community vitality" refers to the ability of a neighborhood, city, or county to sustain itself into the future, such as by providing a high quality of life to continually retain and attract residents, enabling ongoing citizen engagement and representation, nourishing an enduring culture, and preserving strong social networks between neighbors.